

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
HOME AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

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FIRE INCIDENTS IN SLUMS  
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**Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether incidents of fire in Jhuggi clusters in the National Capital Territory of Delhi have become common occurrence;
- (b) if so, the number of fire incidents in the Jhuggi clusters alongwith loss of life and property during each of the last three years, till date, separately;
- (c) the main reasons for the fire incidents;
- (d) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to provide relief and rehabilitation to the victims of the fire incidents;
- (e) whether every fire incident has been investigated upon by the Government;
- (f) if so, the steps taken by the Government on the basis of the outcome of the inquiry report; and
- (g) the further steps taken by the Government to check such incidents in future?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS(SMT. RADHIKA V. SELVI)

(a) and (b): The Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi has reported that the incidents of fire in Jhuggi cluster in National Capital Territory of Delhi are not common. However, the details of fire incidents in Jhuggi clusters during the last three years is as under :

Year No. of fire incidents No of lives lost Loss of Jhuggies (approximately)

2006 7 5 1885

2007 15 19 2091

2008 08 5 461

- (c): The main reasons for outbreak of fire include explosion of gas cylinder, short circuit in electric wire, drop light and carelessness.
- (d): Rs. 1 Lakh per person is paid for death of an adult and Rs. 50,000/- in case of death of minor due to fire incident. In case of Jhuggies gutted in fire, ex-gratia relief of Rs. 2000/- is paid to every Jhuggi dweller.
- (e): Investigation is carried out by Delhi Police in major fire incidents.
- (f) and (g): Steps taken by Delhi Fire Service, Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi include organizing public awareness programmes through lectures/demonstrations, distributing fire safety leaflets, creating awareness through print and electronic media.